

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of producing a glass product comprising forming a glass batch by admixing an amount of a boron oxide compound, an amount of a calcium magnesium silicate
 5 compound, an optional amount of a magnesium oxide compound, and an amount of other glass components to produce said formed glass batch; then melting and refining said formed glass batch to produce a glass composition; and finally forming from said glass composition a glass product.
 - 10 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the amount of said magnesium oxide compound is about zero.
 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the calcium magnesium silicate has an empirical
 15 formula of $\text{Ca}_x\text{Mg}_y\text{SiO}_z$, and the values of x and y are independently from about 0.1 to about 0.6 and z is a value to balance the oxidation state of the compound.
 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said formed glass product is composed of at least ten
 20 percent by weight less boron oxide than and has an equivalent surface property to a comparative glass product formed from a second glass batch produced by a method comprising admixing a second amount of a boron oxide compound, an optional second amount of a magnesium oxide compound, and a second amount of other glass components in the absence of an amount of said calcium magnesium silicate compound.

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein the refining batch-free time of said formed glass batch is at least twenty-five percent less than that of said second glass batch of said comparative composition.

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6. The method of claim 1 wherein the temperature for refining of said formed glass batch is at least 50 degrees Centigrade less than that required for said comparative composition to produced an equivalent batch-free time.

10 7. The method of claim 4 wherein the batch-free time is equivalent to or less than the batch-free time of an equivalent composition produced with less magnesium oxide.

8. The method of claim 4 wherein the temperature for refining is equivalent to or less than the temperature for refining of an equivalent composition produced with less magnesium oxide.

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9. The method of claim 1 wherein the glass product is continuous strand fiberglass.

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